

Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the claims of Group I (claims 1-3, and 7-10), with traverse. Applicants expressly reserve the right under 35 USC §121 to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected subject matter during the pendency of this application.

This election is made with traverse. As stated in the MPEP §803, if search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions. It is Applicants' position that it would not be unduly burdensome to perform a search on claims 1-23 together. Accordingly, Applicants traverse the restriction requirement.

Election of Species Requirement

The Office Action required election of one of the following species:

SEQ ID NO:1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, and 18 (polynucleotide sequences); and

SEQ ID NO:2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, and 14 (polypeptide sequences).

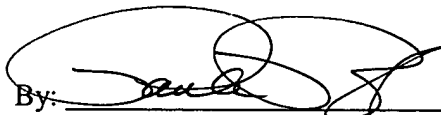
Applicants hereby elect the species of SEQ ID NO:03. The claims readable on the elected species are claims 1-3, and 7-10. Applicants respectfully request rejoinder of non-elected species upon allowance of a claim that encompasses the currently withdrawn species.

II. CONCLUSION

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0815, order number UCAL240CIP.

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